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FOLLOWING REPEAT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO LENINGRAD
LONDON NATO NICOSIA PARIS ROME USUN NEW YORK OF 18 JJUL74:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 11136

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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR

1. I CALLED JULY 18 ON CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMOSTHENIS
HADJIMILTIS. WE DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENTS ON CYPRUS AND
THE SOVIET REACTION TO KAKARIOS' FALL. IT WAS CLEAR THAT
THE AMBASSADOR IS OUT OF TOUCH. HE APPEARED UNCERTAIN
OF HIS OWN POSITION. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAS
RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATIONS OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM NICOSIA
SINCE THE COUP BEGAN. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE HAS
INITIATED NO CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS, AND THEY HAVE NOT
BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM. HADJIMILTIS SAID, IN FACT, HE
HAS NOT LEFT THE EMBASSY SINCE MONDAY, ALTHOUGH HE HAS
TALKED WITH THE GREEK AMBASSADOR WITH WHOM HE IS
APPARENTLY CLOSE.

2. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ANXIOUS TO LEARN ABOUT THE
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SITUATION ON CYPRUS AND THE PLANS OF PRESIDENT MAKARIOS

(TO WHOM HE REFERRED THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION AS "OUR PRESIDENT"). I TOLD HIM IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE FIGHTING HAS STOPPED AND THE NATIONAL GUARD IS PRETTY WELL IN CONTROL.

3. ON SOVIET REACTION, THE AMBASSADOR THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT JULY 18 WAS STRONGLY WORDED BUT VAGUE ON ANY SPECIFIC ACTION. HE DOUBTED THE SOVIETS WOULD INTERVENE, WHICH WOULD RISK INTERVENTION BY OTHER POWERS. I SAID WE THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WERE BEING CAUTIOUS, SO FAR; I ADDED THAT WE FLATLY REJECTED THE ACCUSATIONS OF NATO INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP.

4. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT TURKEY. HE UNDERSTOOD PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT WOULD RETURN TO ANKARA TODAY. HE HOPED THAT HIS TALKS IN LONDON HAD NOT ENDED IN DISAGREEMENT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT MOSCOW MADE A DEMARCHE IN ANKARA URGING RESTRAINT.
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